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METADATA IN UPDATING DATA IN A STORAGE DEVICE

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated February 18, 2005 final office action dated November 10, 2004 ("Final Office Action), in which the Examiner allowed claims 2-14, 17-29, 32-42, 44-46, and 48 and rejected claims 1, 15, 16, 30, 31, 42, 43, and 47 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. To place the case in condition for allowance, Applicants canceled rejected independent claims 1, 16, 31, and 43, and rewrote dependent claims 15, 30, and 42 to depend from the allowed claims 4, 19, and 34. Applicants further amended certain claims and rewrote claims 46 and 48 to place in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that all pending claims 2-15, 17-30, 32-42, and 44-48 are now in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: